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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Bill

Last week, before leaving for its week-long Memorial Day recess, the Senate passed its version of the FFY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Bill (H.R.2346). The House previously passed its version on May 14, 2009. The legislation is commonly referred to as the war supplemental spending bill because the vast majority of funding in both bills would go to war operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Both versions include funding for pandemic preparedness and response. The House bill includes \$1.85 billion for pandemic preparedness and response, including \$350 million to upgrade state and local preparedness and response capacity. House Committee report language explains that the \$350 million would be used to support state and local public health infrastructure, such as "workforce, laboratory capacity, disease surveillance activities, public communications, and community mitigation guidance." The Senate version includes \$1.5 billion for pandemic preparedness and response -- the amount requested by the President. While the Senate Committee report language recommends that a portion of funds be used to support state and local preparedness, the Senate bill does not specify the amount of funding that would be allocated to state and local governments. The County supports the House language since it provides more funding to the County for its public health infrastructure, preparedness, and response activities.

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The House bill also includes an additional \$2.245 billion to purchase eight C-17 aircraft, which is supported by the County. The House Committee report also includes language supporting the continuation of the C-17 Program and encouraging the Air Force to “work with the Congress and the reserve component to replace aging C-5A aircraft with C-17 aircraft.” The Senate bill does not include C-17 funding.

Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act

The House passed, on a voice vote, H.R. 2182 (Townes, D-NY), the Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act, on May 19, 2009. The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved S. 1064 (Lieberman, I-CT), the Senate companion bill, on the following day. Both bills would assist state and local governments in their efforts to oversee spending under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the recently enacted economic recovery bill. This bipartisan legislation, which is expected to be sent to the President by the end of June, includes the following provisions:

- Requires Federal agencies to adjust applicable limits on administrative expenditures for Federal grant awards to help award recipients to defray the costs of data collection requirements, auditing, contract and grant planning and management, and investigations of waste, fraud, and abuse;
- Allows state and local governments receiving ARRA funds to use up to 0.5 percent of such funds, in addition to any funds already allocated for administrative costs, to conduct planning and oversight to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse;
- Authorizes the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to allow state and local governments to use ARRA funds to purchase goods and services using the GSA’s supply schedule, which could result in cost savings and/or expedite the purchase of goods and services; and
- Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance on the definitions of “jobs created” and “jobs retained” to ensure accurate and consistent reporting by recipients of ARRA funding.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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